House Resolution No. 105

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State native sons and daughters who bring glory and honor to their home state and to themselves through the excellence of their professional endeavors; and

Whereas, United States Army soldier Ronald Buxton, II, of Lake Ozark, Missouri, is a Sergeant in the "Tomb Raiders" Survey Platoon of Headquarters Battery, 2nd Battalion, 3rd Field Artillery Regiment, 1st Armored Division which is based in Geissen, Germany; and

Whereas, currently stationed in the Iraqi capital city of Baghdad, Sergeant Ronald Buxton has enjoyed worldwide renown with his appearance on the cover of <u>Time</u> magazine's 2003 Person of the Year edition; and

Whereas, Sergeant Buxton takes tremendous pride in being one of three American soldiers chosen by <u>Time</u> as Person of the Year, an honor that brings extraordinary distinction to all members of the military as they bravely and heroically serve their country in a true spirit of patriotism deeply committed to duty; and

Whereas, Sergeant Buxton has distinguished himself as an outstanding representative of the more than 1.4 million U.S. military personnel engaged in protecting and defending the security of this great nation, safeguarding the American way of life, and upholding the principles of democracy which have for so long guaranteed our precious freedom; and

Whereas, Sergeant Buxton attended a variety of schools in central Missouri; joined the Army in 1989; received orders to Bosnia earlier in his military career; and met his wife, Audrey, when she was stationed at Fort Leonard Wood for basic training; and

Whereas, Sergeant Buxton is the father of five-year-old Brendon and newborn Jerrod, whom he has not seen in person due to his extended stay in Iraq:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to salute Army Sergeant Ronald Buxton of Survey Platoon, Headquarters Battery, 2nd Battalion, 3rd Field Artillery Regiment, 1st Armored Division and to convey to him this legislative body's heartiest congratulations for appearing on the cover of Time's 2003 Person of the Year edition which pays tribute to all U.S. military personnel currently on duty at home and abroad; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for presentation to Sergeant Ronald Buxton, II, of Lake Ozark, Missouri.

Offered by	
Representative Wayne Cooper, M.D.	
District No. 155	
I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of	
Representatives Ninety-second General Assembly Second	nd

Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 105, adopted January 20, 2004.